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R 251900Z MAY 77
FM AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 709

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CGEN TD
SUBJECT: NON-OFFICIAL VISITORS' MAIL

1. RECENTLY AN AMERICAN CITIZEN REQUESTED EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN RECEIVING A DRUG CONTAINING MORPHINE FOR HIS WIFE, A CANCER PATIENT, THROUGH POUCH FACILITIES. EMBASSY EXPLAINED THIS NOT PERMISSIBLE AND REFERRED HIM TO ONE OF VISA PANEL PHYSICIANS. A FEW DAYS LATER THIS PHYSICIAN REPORTED TO EMBASSY THAT HE BELIEVED THE CITIZEN MIGHT BE ADDICTED TO THE DRUG, EXPLAINED THAT DRUGS CONTAINING MORPHINE WERE NOT PERMITTED ON TRINIDAD MARKET AND STATED HE HAD PRESCRIBED A Milder DRUG FOR USE BY THE CITIZEN'S WIFE.

2. LATER, EMBASSY RECEIVED TELEGRAM TO BE DELIVERED TO SAME INDIVIDUAL FROM A MEDICAL DOCTOR IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, EXPLAINING IT WAS UNLAWFUL TO MAIL THE MEDICATION REQUESTED AND REFERRING HIM TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR LEGAL RESTRICTIONS ON THE DRUG. THE DOCTOR NEVERTHELESS EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO ISSUE PRESCRIPTION.

3. ON MAY 25 EMBASSY RECEIVED TWO ENVELOPES FOR SAME ADDRESSEE FROM BALTIMORE WITH RETURN STREET ADDRESS BUT WITHOUT NAME OF SENDER. ENVELOPES CONTAIN MATTER OTHER
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THAN PAPER WHICH SOUND AND FEEL LIKE SMALL ITEMS IN PLASTIC CONTAINER. EMBASSY SUSPECTS ENVELOPES MAY CONTAIN SOME MEDICATION WHICH MAY BE NON-MAILABLE MATTER REFERRED TO IN CFR 1816 AND/OR MAY BE PROHIBITED MEDICATION UNDER TRINIDAD LAW. HOWEVER, UNABLE DETERMINE AUTHORITY RETURN MAIL TO SENDER OR REFER TO POSTAL AUTHORITIES FOR

DISPOSITION IN ACCORDANCE WITH 39 CFR 3001.

4. WE ARE WITHOLDING DELIVERY TO ADDRESS UNTIL
ADVICE RECEIVED. DO WE HAVE AUTHORITY TO RETURN
TO SENDER VIA DEPARTMENTAL FACILITIES TO US
POSTAL SYSTEM ON BASIS OF REASONABLE SUSPICIONS
NOTED ABOVE? OR DO WE HAVE AUTHORITY UNDER
POSTAL REGULATIONS TO OPEN MAIL VERIFY
LEGALITY OF CONTENTS?
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